Alternative for Petrol and Diesel

3884. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alternative has been found to substitute petrol and diesel for automobiles and for other purpose in the field of Electronics; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the alternative energy sources to petrol and diesel for automobiles, and for other purpose are solar power, battery power, alcohol and compressed natural gas. Electronics does not substitute these energy sources, but it helps in their efficient control to achieve fuel economy and minimise air pollution.

Import of Entertainment Electronics

3885. DR. YELAMANCHILISIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: what is the total value (in rupees anddollars) of Semi Knocked down and completely knocked down sets of entertainment Electronics imported from Japan and Germany since 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

टेलीविजन तथा अन्य इलेक्ट्रोनिक वस्तुओं का निर्यात

3886. **कुमारी सुशीला टिरिया** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान टेलीविजन सेटों तथा इलैक्ट्रानिक की अन्य वस्तुओं के निर्यात में वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत वर्ष की तुलना में कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) और (ख) वित्तीय वर्ष 1991–92 के पहले 9 महीनों में टी वी सेटों के निर्यात में 80 प्रतिशत और कम्प्यूटर साफ्टवेयर के निर्यात में 50 प्रतिशत की बढोत्तरी हुई जबकि अन्य इलैक्ट्रानिक वस्तुओं के निर्यात में वर्ष 1990–91 की इसी अवधि की तुलना में 26 प्रतिशत की कमी आई है।

Addition of Newer Societies

3887 SRHI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Electronics keeps adding newer societies or centres;

(b) if so, the details of such additions during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the methodology adopted for coordinating with societies of other Scientific Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) In order to keep pace with the rapid changing technology in electronics and to build up competence in the stategic areas like electronic grade materials, application and result oriented R&D development and export of software etc ; the Department of Electronics has been setting societies/centres under the Societies Registration Act 1860. The concept of Societies/Centre has been adopted to give autonomy & flexibility in operations to achieve the desired results in the shortest possible time.

The details of the societies/centres set up by the Department during the last three years are given in the Statement. The Governing Council of these societies/centres have representatives from various academic institutions, Scientific Departments, etc. This ensures proper coordination with other Scientific Departments of the Government.

Statement

Societies/Centres set up by the Department of Electronics und r Societies Registration Act, 1860 during the last three years (1989-1991)

Year	Name of the Society/Centre
1989	Nil
1990	(i) Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Delhi (Headquarters) with three laboratories at Hyderabad Pune and Trishur.
	(ii) Centre for Electronics Design and Technology at Mohali.
	(iii) Electronics Research & Development Centre at Calcutta, Mohali, Lucknow and Pune.
1991	(i) Software Technology Park of India (STPI), Delhi (Headquarters) with Software Tec hnology Parks (STPs) at Pune, Bangalore Bhubaneshwar, Hyderabad Thiruvananthapuram, Gandhinagar and Noida.
	(ii) Centres for Electronics Design and Technology at Calicut and Gorakhpur.

Fruit processing unit at Ningmoi (Along) Arunachal Pradesh

3888. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fruit processing unit at NINGMOI (Along), West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, sponsored by North Eastern Council under M/s Arunachal Horticultural Processing Industries is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to revive this unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): ( ) to (c) Fruit processing unit at NINGMOI (Along), in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh is managed by Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development Financial Corporation and it is not a project sponsored by North Eastern Council. As per the information received from Arunachal Pradesh Government, the question of closure of the plant has not been considered and for marketing of the products, Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development Financial Corporation is negotiating with a Delhi based firm.

Cold Storage Facility for Fruits and Vegetables in Assam

3889. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient cold storage facility for fruit and vegetables etc. is not available in Assam; and

(b) if so, the efforts made or proposed to be made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) There are three cold storages in Assam with a total capacity of 1703 tonnes. No application for any additional capacity is pending with the Government. Government would consider licencing additional capacity if any entrepreneur finds it feasible and makes an application.

Setting up of Food Engineering Centres

3890. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Covernwent proposc to set up food Engineering Centres during the Eighth Plan period to develop new food products, process and machinery in the country;